

Minutes
Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission
June 14, 2016

The Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission (Commission) met on June 14, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the Loudon County Office Building. The Commission was represented by Steve Field, Art Stewart, Larry Jameson, Bruce Hamilton, John Watkins and Dennis Stewart. Other attendees included Attorney Kevin Stevens; City of Loudon Mayor Jim Greenway, Loudon County Convenience Center Director Chris Parks; Santek representative Cheryl Dunson; and residents Aileen Longmire, Kaye Wallace, Betty Jo McAllister and Pat Hunter.

Mr. Field called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Jameson led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance and the invocation.

MOTION: Mr. Jameson made a motion to approve the minutes of May 10, 2016. Mr. Hamilton seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

There were no Items of Public Concern.

Ms. Dunson presented the Cash Activity Report.

During Santek's Operations Report, Ms. Dunson was asked the following questions to which she said she would get answers from Santek's engineering department: How much estimated remaining airspace will be available at the end of Santek's contract? How will Santek sequence cells when it receives the major permit modification? What is the acreage of the proposed new modules?

Mr. Field gave an update on the Polar Springs Landfill. He said the Loudon County Commission passed a resolution to accept funds from the State of Tennessee to make repairs at the closed landfill. He said the County Commission wants motions from the cities of Loudon and Lenoir City designating Loudon County as the lead entity on making repairs to the site. Mr. Field said the Commission will provide the matching funding from the Poplar Springs Subfund Account, but will need documentation from all three stakeholders approving the expenditures and requesting funds. Mr. Jameson said there appears to be some dissension among county commissioners about whether there is an actual subfund. Mr. Field also said when the repairs are completed, Loudon County will be responsible for maintaining the property for 10 years. He envisions there will be some sort of written agreement between the stakeholders and the current property owner about the 10-year care period.

During the Attorney's Report, Mr. Stevens distributed a letter to Mr. Field from the commission's stakeholders indicating they're not in favor of extending Santek's contract to live fund the closure/post-closure account. Mr. Jameson said he was concerned that at the end of Santek's current contract, the landfill will only have two years of remaining airspace. Mr. Stevens said there would potentially be decades of space at the current volume of 500 tons per day. Mr. Watkins said the Commission should be considering the extent of any shortfall in the closure/post-closure account. Mr. Field said he asked auditor Richard Hill if some of the closure liability could be transferred to Santek, but Mr. Hill didn't think so without Santek posting a bond. Mr. Stevens said the liability for closure will always be with the County, but the closure cost estimate could be reduced because Santek will complete some closure as part of its Operations Agreement. Mr. Field thought language could be written in the audit's management discussion about Santek performing closure.

Mr. Stevens said he has prepared a draft response to Matlock Tires' request more information regarding the tire surcharge at the landfill. Based on tire charges, reimbursements from the State of Tennessee, and actual program expenses associated with operational and administrative work, Mr. Stevens said the program appears to be breaking even at best and Santek is not profiting from the waste tire program. He said he evaluated waste tire programs at other county landfills, and all except one are assessing a charge per ton or per tire. Mr. Stevens added the waste tire program at the Matlock Bend Landfill is in line with other counties, and he doesn't propose making any significant changes. Mr. Field asked Santek to consider a mechanism to charge tire dealers differently than customers disposing of non-manifested tires.

Mr. Stevens asked the Commission how it wanted to move forward on posting signage on its property prohibiting trespassing and hunting. Mr. Jameson said a local boy scout troop is interested in the project, but much of the property is inaccessible without having the use of heavy equipment. He added it may be more of a liability to engage the scouts. Mr. Field asked if the boy scouts could post signs on reasonably accessible property. Working from inside the landfill property, Mr. Jameson said the scouts could easily post 100 signs and get three-fourths of the property covered. At Mr. Field's request, Mr. Jameson said he'd be willing to work up an estimate on signage cost.

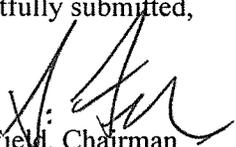
During the Chairman's report, Mr. Field said he had two invoices: one in the amount of \$3,750 to Loudon Utilities, and one in the amount of \$2,500 for legal services.

Mr. Field mentioned the Loudon County Commission recently appointed two ad hoc subcommittees. One has been established to investigate selling the Matlock Bend Landfill and the other to consider the possibility of assessing a surcharge on waste coming into the landfill.

MOTION: Mr. Art Stewart made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Mr. Hamilton seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Commission's next regularly scheduled meeting is July 12, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the Loudon County Courthouse Annex.

Respectfully submitted,


Steve Field, Chairman

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